

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

PRESIDENT: Tom Romaniak

Tom Romaniak has been involved with the Angie W. Cox Public Library since his arrival in Pardeeville in 2007. He enjoys books and reading and would often read to his children until they fell asleep. As a result, several of his children have become avid readers and frequent users of libraries. He strongly believes in lifelong learning and is passionate about providing financial education to those in the community. Tom has been part of the Friends of the Library for several years and was named President of the group in 2018.

VICE PRESIDENT: Betty Reiter

Betty has been a member of "Friends" almost since the beginning. Once retired from working at the Pardeeville School, she became more involved and has held multiple roles over the past ten years. Why did she join the Friends of the Library? The library is a vital part of the community where she can support literacy.

SECRETARY: Ginny McNeal

Ginny and her husband Steve moved to Pardeeville in the summer of 2018. While waiting and working on their new home, Ginny became involved with the Friends of the Library (FOL). She has a background of 28 years in elementary teaching with the last six as the librarian in an elementary school in the Lake Geneva School District. She has served on library boards in previous places of residence and has always had an avid love and enjoyment of reading. She is glad to meet new friends in the Pardeeville area and looks forward to being a part of FOL and passing on her love of reading to others.

TREASURER: Laureen Lueck

Laureen Lueck has been connected to the Angie W. Cox Public Library whether it be for research, work, or volunteer purposes. Laureen was the "Story Hour Lady" in the 1970s and 1980s. She helped create the adult reading group, R.E.A.D (Read, Enjoy, and Discuss) in the 1990s and is proud to be the last one left in the group of original creators. She joined the Friends of the Library (FOL) in 2013 and became Treasurer, which is a position she continues to hold. She has helped to lead the Collaborative Summer Library Program with other FOL volunteers, cleaned book shelves, and organized closets. Don't be surprised if you see her shoveling the library walks as a member of the Lions Club. She works hard to give back to the community and her husband, Jerry, is right by her side helping with it all!

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR: Maude Bortz

Maude has been an active member of the Friends of the Library (FOL) since 2009 when the group was "reborn" to their current structure. At about that same time, she became involved with the Collaborative Summer Library Program. She helped to organize and facilitate the program during some difficult times when the library was underfunded and understaffed. She continues her support through the FOL today. She took on the role of recording secretary from 2009-2017 and now serves as Communications Coordinator. Along with her husband, Lester, she assists with all things "Book Sale" to help raise money for library programs.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: Mitzi Manthey

As Membership Chair, Mitzi coordinates and maintains membership contact information. She attends special events, promoting new memberships. Mitzi has been an advocate of the Friends of the Library (FOL) since 2014. While working as a Library Assistant/Children's Librarian at the Angie Williams Cox Public Library, she discovered what a beautiful facility we had in Pardeeville and felt that membership and participation in the FOL group was another way she could make a meaningful contribution to the community. You will see Mitzi at as many of the Friends' activities as her schedule allows, especially the summer book sale, pie socials and band concerts featuring the Dual County Community Band.